STATE OF VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

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In re: Stephanie H. Taylor, M.D.)	Docket Nos.: MPS 45-0304
a/k/a Stephanie Taylor Tasi, M.D.)	MPS 48-0304
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STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

NOW COME, Stephanie H. Taylor, M.D., a/k/a, Stephanie Taylor Tasi, M.D., Respondent in the above-captioned matters, and the State of Vermont, by and through Attorney General William H. Sorrell and Assistant Attorney General James S. Arisman, and agree and stipulate as follows:

- 1. Stephanie H. Taylor, M.D., a/k/a Stephanie Taylor Tasi, M.D., Respondent holds medical license No. 042-0008406, issued by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice (hereinafter, "the Board") on September 9, 1991.
- 2. Jurisdiction in these matters vests with the Vermont Board of Medical Practice, pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 1354, 1355-1357, 1361, 1365-1366, 1398 and 3 V.S.A. § 809-814.

I. Background.

- 3. In March and April 2004 the Vermont Board of Medical Practice opened the above-captioned complaints regarding (a) the status of Respondent's licensure with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine; and (b) care she allegedly provided to an individual complainant.
- 4. Respondent offered her full cooperation with the Vermont Board's investigation of the two complaints. Respondent acknowledged that Board investigation of the

allegations was appropriate and that the Board was obliged to act to ensure protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

- 5. On June 18, 2004, Respondent agreed in writing to an interim consent order under which her license to practice medicine in Vermont was temporarily suspended while the Vermont Board's investigation was ongoing. With Respondent's agreement, the Board entered on October 6, 2004 an order extending the period of suspension.
- 6. The Board's investigation of the two complaints identified, *inter alia*, apparent non-compliance by Respondent with certain conditions of her Vermont license to practice medicine. On September 3, 2004, following the Board's investigation, the State of Vermont filed a Specification of Charges against Respondent.

II. Surrender of Medical License.

- 7. Consistent with Respondent's continuing desire to cooperate with the Board, of Medical Practice in its public responsibilities, she acknowledges agrees that if the State were to satisfy its burden at hearing as to certain of the facts alleged in its September 3, 2004 Specification of Charges, a finding adverse to her could be entered by the Board, pursuant to 26 V.S.A. § 1354.
- 8. Now, in the interest of continuing her full cooperation in this matter and resolving this matter expeditiously, Respondent has determined that she shall enter into the instant agreement with the Board of Medical Practice. Respondent enters no admission here, but in the interest of resolving this matter without further time, expense, and uncertainty, she has concluded that this agreement is an acceptable means of resolving this matter and is in the best interest of all parties.

- 9. Respondent acknowledges that she is knowingly and voluntarily entering into this agreement with the Vermont Board of Medical Practice. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that at all times and in all communications and proceedings related to the matters before the Vermont Board of Medical Practice and as to this agreement, she has had the right to be and has been represented by and advised by counsel. Respondent has carefully reviewed and considered this Stipulation and Consent with the assistance of her counsel. Respondent is satisfied with all counsel and representation she has received.
- 10. Respondent agrees and understands that by executing this document she is waiving any right to challenge the jurisdiction and continuing jurisdiction of the Board in this matter, to be presented with any evidence adverse to her, to cross-examine witnesses, and to offer evidence of her own to contest the State's allegations. 26 V.S.A. § 1356; 3 V.S.A. §§ 809, & 814. Respondent has determined with advice of counsel that she shall enter into the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Consent Order, as set forth below.
- 11. Respondent wishes to resolve with finality all matters now pending before the Vermont Board of Medical Practice. In lieu of the time, expense, and uncertainty, of contesting in a public hearing the Specification of Charges against her and the possibility of Board disciplinary action, Respondent has determined that she shall voluntarily and forthwith SHRENDER to the Vermont Board of Medical Practice her license to practice medicine in the State of Vermont, subject to review and approval of this agreement by the Board. Thereafter, she agrees that her license to practice medicine in this State shall be wholly void and without effect. Respondent understands and agrees that such action by her of surrender of her medical license shall be final and irrevocable.

- 12. Respondent agrees and warrants that at no time hereafter shall she seek by any means licensure, reinstatement, or relicensure as a physician in the State of Vermont, regardless of circumstances or the passage of time. Respondent expressly agrees that hereafter the Board may and shall return to her without action or obligation of due process of any kind any application, motion, petition, or other writing from her with regard to licensure, reinstatement, or relicensure. Respondent expressly and voluntarily waives any right to confidentiality that she may possess as to the Board's investigative file in this matter should she apply for professional licensure or privileges in another jerisdiction at a later date. Respondent agrees that she shall provide a full and complete copy of this agreement to any and all entities to which she might apply for medical licensure or privileges in the future, regardless of the passage of time.
- 13. The Vermont Board of Medical Practice agrees that upon Respondent's execution of this Stipulation and Consent Order and pursuant to the terms herein, all matters involving her that are currently open before the Board shall be administratively closed by the Board. Thereafter, the Board will take no further action on these matters, absent non-compliance with the terms and conditions of this document by Respondent. 26 V.S.A. §§ 1355, 1361, 1398.
- 14. This Stipulation and Consent Order is conditioned upon its acceptance by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice. If the Board rejects any part of this document, the entire agreement shall be considered void. Respondent acknowledges and understands that this Stipulation and Consent Order shall be a matter of public record, will become part of her permanent Board file, will constitute an enforceable legal agreement, and may be reported to

other licensing authorities. In exchange for the actions by the Board, as set forth herein, specifically including Paragraph 13, above, Respondent expressly agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Consent Order.

15. The parties therefore jointly agree that should the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Consent Order be deemed acceptable by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice, the Board may enter an order implementing the terms and conditions herein and accepting the final and irrevocable **SURRENDER** of the Vermont license to practice medicine of Respondent, Stephanie H. Taylor, M.D., a/k/a Stephanie Taylor Tasi, M.D.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 25th day of July 2005.

STATE OF VERMONT

WILLIAM H. SORRELL

ATTORNEY GENERAL

by:

JAMES S. ARISMAN`

Assistant Attorney General

Dated at Stowe, Vermont, this 15 day of July 2005.

STEPHANIE H. TAYLOR, M.D.

a/k/a STEPHANIE TAYLOR TASI, M.D.

Respondent

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PETER G. ANDERSON, ESQ.

Counsel for Respondent

FOREGOING, AS TO STEPHANIE H. TAYLOR, M.D. a/k/a STEPHANIE TAYLOR TASI, M.D. APPROVED AND ORDERED VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

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